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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

**Operation Drive Insured.**

A week long policing operation was conducted between 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October in relation to Operation Drive Insured; co-ordinated through the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) and the National Road Policing Intelligence Forum (NRPIF), a national campaign that aims to clamp down on uninsured drivers who continue to try to evade detection.

Statistics from the MIB show that around 1 in 100 vehicles are driven without insurance - a sum that equates to more than 6000 vehicles registered across the county.

Sergeant Simon Drewett, Head of the Road Safety Unit at Wiltshire Police said: "Although most drivers will comply with the law, a small minority continue to drive without regard for others. This comes at both a financial cost (and one which we all carry in our premiums) as well as also a potentially physical one should the uninsured become involved in an accident.

"There is a strong correlation between uninsured drivers and those that are also content to put others at risk through drink driving, careless driving or using a vehicle in an un-roadworthy condition.

"Wiltshire Police are always on the look-out for uninsured drivers, but during this week-long campaign we will be conducting targeted operations to catch those who put our communities at risk".

In 2016, Wiltshire Police seized almost 1000 vehicles as a consequence of being driven either without insurance or other than in accordance with a licence. Already this year, over 850 have been seized for the same reasons, thereby likely continuing the 30% year on year increase seen since 2015. Over 50% of seized vehicles are crushed as a consequence.

Sergeant Drewett added: "Our message is very clear; if you continue to drive uninsured then we will catch you and your vehicle will be removed from the roads".

The Motor Insurance Database (MID) is the central record of all insured vehicles in the UK. Managed by the MIB, the MID is used by the police and the DVLA to enforce motor insurance law; ensuring that vehicles driven on our roads are insured at all times.

To check if your vehicle has a valid insurance policy recorded on the MID, please visit [askMID.com](http://askMID.com), or if you need to check that someone else's vehicle is insured in the event of an accident, please visit [www.askmid.com/askmidenquiry](http://www.askmid.com/askmidenquiry).

Incidentally, one officer alone, within the East Policing Team has seized seventy eight vehicles for no insurance and a further twelve, using Police Powers in relation to criminal activity, since October 2016.

## **Current Priorities**

### **Theft from Motor Vehicles**

We have experienced seventeen incidents of thefts from vehicles in the East CPT areas of Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey during October.

Of the Pewsey villages locations include two incidents overnight in Goddard road, the Pewsey Vale, diesel and batteries overnight from Great Bedwyn and a mid-afternoon incident theft of a handbag from a vehicle at Martinsell car park.

Devizes reports include power tools from a works vehicle on a byway near Market Lavington, sunglasses from a car wash in Devizes, two daytime thefts from vehicles in Erlestoke and theft of money from an insecure vehicle in Anzio road, Devizes.

Marlborough areas of Silbury Hill car park, two incidents of fuel theft from a business premises in the Ogbourne St George area, A4 at West Kennett, fuel theft from a vehicle parked, overnight on George lane and a mobile phone stolen from a vehicle during a visit to a service station.

We have commenced the fitting of Area Board funded signage at relevant beauty spot locations; to warn motorists of the risks at beauty spot locations.

### **Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries**

Within the Devizes area seven incidents of burglary have occurred during October five of these concern dwellings;

At 0330/19/10/17 entry to a house on Forty Acres road made via an insecure rear door, suspect disturbed by occupant, nothing stolen.

Daytime between 1300 – 1645/21/10/2017 forced entry has been made to a property in Rendells Court, nothing stolen.

Forced entry to three properties, believed to be a linked series have occurred in Matilda Way, Elizabeth Drive and Dowse road, Devizes on 26/10/2017, daytime. Property stolen includes jewellery and watches.

Enquiries are ongoing in relation to the above and also to establish if linked with similar others in Melksham and the Swindon area.

Within the Marlborough area a total of nine incidents have occurred last month, these include the following.

Theft of tools from a building on site at Elcot lane, Marlborough, theft of power tools from forced entry to a shed in Aldbourn between 3-10/10/17 and in Lockeridge overnight to 11/10/17 unseen persons have gained access to a detached garage by forcing open a side window and removed 2 x road cycles. Tevelo S3, carbon fibre wheels, green, black and white colour, has many extras, two £6000. 2) Trek Madone, blue, two £2400.

Overnight to 10/10/17 an attempt to gain entry via forcing of a door to a property in Reeds Ground has occurred. Between 5-10/10/17 power tools have been stolen from a garden shed in Ogbourne St Andrew. Theft of jewellery has occurred from a charity shop in Marlborough during business hours on 12/10/17.

Entry via an unlocked rear door to a property in Rockley whilst the occupants were in another room has occurred during the evening of 19/10/17, in which a handbag and contents were stolen.

Pewsey has experienced a total of seven burglaries including a dwelling burglary on 1<sup>st</sup> October, on Farm Lane, Great Bedwyn in which property has been stolen. A Police investigation into this incident has identified a link with another burglary in the Swindon area and a suspect identified. Enquiries are continuing.

Sheds and outbuildings to three properties were broken into overnight to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017, in Milton Lilbourne. Stihl power tools stolen and similar others stolen together with two mountain bikes.

The attempt theft of money from a secure collection box, within a church has occurred between 10-16/10/17.

A blue Morris Mini pick up classic car has been stolen during a burglary to a barn in Chisbury within the past month.

### **Crime prevention advice**

- **Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows**
- **Consider installing CCTV**
- **Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox - a thief knows all the hiding places**
- **Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox**
- **Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB**
- **Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window**
- **Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance**
- **Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com the free national property register. Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA**
- **Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society**
- **Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places**
- **Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel**

- **Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home**
- **Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items**
- **Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate**

### **Hare Coursing and Poaching.**

Increasing activity and reports to Police regarding hare coursing within East Wiltshire has occurred since in recent months and a total of twenty nine storm logs refer to events in our area during October 2017. Locations include the Upavon area, Wilton, Stanton St Bernard, Manningford Bohune and All Cannings.

Vehicles of interest in relation to these offences include a green Landrover Defender, a green Honda CRV, a blue Subaru and red Landrover.

Improved partnership working has resulted via the use of two Whatsapp groups established with the farming community for these areas. This has assisted with immediate responses by officers on the team to alerts of suspicious and coursing activity. We have requested permissions for Whatsapp downloads to our works mobile phones for all officer access.

Two males from Somerset were arrested and subsequently charged with offences concerning The Prevention of Poaching Act 1862, following an incident on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Officers from the East Community Policing Team were alerted by members of the public reporting suspicious activity by the occupants to a vehicle, located during an area search.

Two suspects to daytime trespass in pursuit of game are under investigation regarding offences identified in the Pewsey Vale area.

### **Devizes Town priority**

This concerns criminality, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse by known nominals whose behaviour is detrimentally impactful upon the town community. Evidence gathering is currently underway in relation to relevant disposals including the use of Community Protection Warnings, Notices and Criminal Behaviour Order applications. Powers according to the new Public Spaces Protection Orders are now valid.

However, more partnership working is required to address these issues, please report sightings of anti-social behaviour and offending, to assist the East community policing team with this priority.

### **Operation Aztec**

IA national Firearms Surrender is due to occur this month, known as Operation Aztec. Members of the public are invited to surrender firearms to the below six nominated police stations or by arranging for their collection in some cases. The nominated stations are:

Melksham  
Trowbridge  
Bourne Hill  
Marlborough  
Monkton Park  
Gablecross

Please see the enclosed poster for further details.

## **Local Crimes**

07/10/2017 – Hare coursing – Widdington – 3x Males seen with dogs in the area possibly linked to hare coursing.

13/10/2017 – Theft – Kennet and Avon Canal - Unknown suspect has smashed a window and damaged a door on a narrow boat, gained access. Nothing has been stolen.

16/10/2017 – Attempt Theft – St John's Church, Pewsey – Unknown suspect has entered the Church and used an unknown tool to try and open a secured money box. The attempt to open the box was unsuccessful and nothing was stolen.

17/10/2017 – Theft – Goddard Road, Pewsey - Unknown suspect has smashed the window of a taxi and reached in and removed a bag full of change.

17/10/2017 – Theft – Goddard Road, Pewsey - Unknown suspect has stolen the front bumper licence plate from a vehicle.

20/10/2017 – Burglary Non-dwelling – Milton Lilbourne - Unknown suspect has broken into some outbuildings and have stolen 2x Stihl leaf blowers, Stihl chainsaw and a Stihl strimmer.

20/10/2017 – Burglary Non-dwelling – Milton Lilbourne - Unknown suspect has entered an outbuilding by breaking the lock. They have tried to enter an adjacent garage, but were unsuccessful. They have taken two mountain bikes, a petrol hedge trimmer and a petrol strimmer.

20/10/2017 – Burglary Non-dwelling – Milton Lilbourne - Unknown suspect has jemmied two key locks off some stable doors. Entry is believed to have been gained but nothing has been taken from within the stables.

20/10/2017 – Theft – Yards Lane, Pewsey - Unknown suspect has stolen copper tubing and a large caravan leisure battery from a carport.

20/10/2017 – Burglary Non-dwelling - Unknown suspect has gained access to a barn. Once inside they have stolen a Classic Car.

23/10/2017 – Criminal Damage – Wilton - Unknown suspect has driven on private land and caused damage to approximately £100 worth of crops. It is believed that the suspects had been hare coursing.

24/10/2017 – Burglary Non-dwelling – Oare - Unknown suspect has gained entry to a shed at the back of a garden through a window which had been opened. They have taken a Stihl hedge cutter, Stihl chainsaw and a Stihl leaf blower.

25/10/2017 – Theft – Martensell Hill - Unknown suspect has smashed the front window of a vehicle and stolen a handbag from underneath a seat containing bank cards and an amount of cash and other low value items.

29/10/2017 – Criminal Damage – Wexcombe - Unknown suspects have caused damage to 13 or 14 fields containing crops by driving over them, it is believed Hare Coursing. Value of damage unknown.

30/10/2017 – Criminal Damage – East Grafton - Unknown suspect has damaged crops and a gate by driving their vehicle over the fields

31/10/2017 – Theft – Clench Common - Unknown suspect have stolen 2400 litres of oil from the oil tank by unscrewing the cap and sucking out the oil.

01/11/2017 – Criminal Damage – Upavon - Unknown suspect has used an unknown method to smash a window to the community centre.

<https://www.police.uk/>

This link will allow you to check stats in more detail for your area, and all surrounding areas.

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Thank you, kindest regards,

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